IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete list of the claims now pending. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image processing method, comprising the steps of:

deciding layout information for an <u>output</u> image based on at least one frame being positioned at a user-desired position on an <u>output</u> image preview window according to a user designation, ~~wherein each frame indicates information of the position to lay out the image~~;

registering an editing set to an editing menu, <u>wherein</u> the editing set ~~including~~ <u>includes</u> the decided layout information and a plurality of editing processes designated by the user;

identifying an editing set selected from the editing menu;

<u>inputting a plurality of images by image inputting means;</u>

displaying [[a]] <u>the</u> plurality of images input by <u>the</u> image inputting means in the form of reduced-size images;

selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed images; and

<u>outputting the output image generated by</u> performing the plurality of editing processes<u>, included in the editing set identified in said identifying step,</u> on the at least one image selected in said selecting step <u>and by arranging the selected image at the user-desired position based on the layout information, included in the editing set identified in said identifying step,</u>

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wherein ~~the selected image is positioned at a user-desired position~~ ~~based on the layout information, and~~ the editing processes and the layout information thereby correspond to the editing set identified in said identifying step, and

wherein each frame indicates information of the user-desired position to arrange each selected image on the output image.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising [[the]] a step of displaying the editing menu that includes a plurality of identifiers each indicating [[each]] one of the registered editing sets, [[and]]

wherein said identifying step includes identifying the selected editing set by identifying an identifier selected from the editing menu.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes image rotation.

Claim 5 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes image enlargement.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes image reduction.

Claim 7 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes image brightness adjustment.

Claim 7 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes image contrast adjustment.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes designation of an image aspect ratio.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set registered in said registering step is the plurality of editing processes designated by the user on the output image preview window.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the image inputting means is at least one of a scanner, a digital camera, a storage medium, and a film scanner.

Claims 14-16 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the editing set includes an image selection condition, and

wherein said selecting step includes selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed images based on the image selection condition of the editing set identified in said identifying step.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 11, wherein the image selection condition is a condition based on the order of the plurality of images displayed in said display step.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 11, wherein the image selection condition is a condition based on magnetic information of the image.

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

decision means for deciding layout information for an output image based on at least one frame being positioned at a user-desired position on an output image preview window according to a user designation, wherein each frame indicates information of the position to lay out an image;

registration means for registering an editing set to an editing menu, wherein the editing set including includes the decided layout information and a plurality of editing processes designated by a user;

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identification means for identifying an editing set selected from the editing menu;

image inputting means for inputting a plurality of images

display means for displaying [[a]] the plurality of images input by said image inputting means in the form of reduced-size images;

selection means for selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed images; and

~~performance~~ output means for outputting the output image generated by performing the plurality of editing processes, included in the editing set identified by said identification means, on the at least one image selected by said selection means and by arranging the selected image at the user-desired position based on the layout information, included in the editing set identified by said identification means,

wherein ~~the selected image is positioned at a user-desired position based on the layout information, and~~ the editing processes and the layout information thereby correspond to the editing set identified by said identification means, and

wherein each frame indicates information of the user-desired position to arrange each selected image of the output image.

Claim 22 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising menu display means for displaying the editing menu that includes a plurality of identifiers each indicating [[each]] one of the editing sets, registered by said registration means, and

wherein said identification means identifies the selected editing set by identifying an identifier selected from the editing menu.

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Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the editing set includes image rotation.

Claim 25 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the editing set includes image enlargement.

Claim 26 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the editing set includes image reduction.

Claim 27 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the editing set includes image brightness adjustment.

Claim 28 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the editing set includes image contrast adjustment.

Claim 29 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the editing set includes designation of an image aspect ratio.

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 [22] (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21 [14], wherein the editing set registered in said registration means is the plurality of editing processes designated by the user on the <u>output</u> image preview window.

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 [23] (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21 [14], further comprising said image inputting means, and wherein said image inputting means is at least one of a scanner, a digital camera, a storage medium, and a film scanner.

Claims 34-36 (canceled)

Claim 37 [24] (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 21 [14], wherein the editing set includes an image selection condition, and

wherein said selection means selects at least one image from the plurality of displayed imaged based on the image selection condition of the editing set identified by said identification means.

Claim 38 [25] (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 37 [24], wherein the image selection condition is a condition based on the order of the plurality of images displayed by said display means.

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Claim 39 (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according

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to claim 37, wherein the image selection condition is a condition based on magnetic

information of the image.

[Claim 40 (canceled)

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Claim 41 (currently amended): A computer readable storage medium on

which for storing a program to execute an image processing method is stored, said program

includes codes for executing the steps of comprising:

code for deciding layout information for an output image based on at

least one frame being positioned at a user-desired position on an output image preview

window according to a user designation, wherein each frame indicates information of the

position to lay out the image;

code for registering an editing set to an editing menu, wherein the

editing set including includes the decided layout information and a plurality of editing

processes designated by a user;

code for identifying an editing set selected from the editing menu;

code for inputting a plurality of images by image inputting means;

code for displaying [[a]] the plurality of images input by the image

inputting means in the form of reduced-size images;

code for selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed

images; and

code for outputting the output image by performing the plurality of

editing processes, included in the editing step identified by said identifying code, on the at

least one image selected in said selecting step <u>and by arranging the selected image at the</u> <u>user-desired position based on the layout information, included in the editing step</u> <u>identified by said identifying code,</u>

wherein ~~the selected image is positioned at a user-desired position~~ ~~based on the layout information, and~~ the editing processes and the layout information <u>thereby</u> correspond to the editing set identified [[in]] <u>by</u> said identifying [[step]] <u>code, and</u>

<u>wherein each frame indicates information of the user-desired</u> <u>position to arrange each selected image on the output image</u>.

Claim 4̸2̸ (currently amended): A storage medium according to claim 4̸1̸, wherein said program further includes ~~codes~~ <u>code</u> for executing [[the]] <u>a</u> step of displaying the editing menu that includes a plurality of identifiers <u>each</u> indicating [[each]] <u>one</u> of the editing sets <u>registered by said registering code</u>, [[and]]

wherein said identifying [[step]] <u>code</u> includes <u>code</u> identifying the selected editing set by identifying an identifier selected from the editing menu.

Claims 43 and 44 (canceled)

Claim 4̸5̸ (currently amended): A storage medium according to claim 4̸4̸, wherein the editing set registered [[in]] <u>by</u> said registering [[step]] <u>code</u> is the plurality of editing processes designated by the user on the <u>output</u> image preview window.

Claim 46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (currently amended): A storage medium according to claim 41,

wherein the editing set includes an image selection condition, and

wherein said selecting [[step]] <u>code</u> includes <u>code</u> selecting at least

one image from the plurality of displayed images based on the image selection condition of

the editing set identified [[in]] <u>by</u> said identifying [[step]] <u>code</u>.

Claim 48 (currently amended): A storage medium according to claim 47,

wherein the image selection condition is a condition based on the order of the plurality of

images displayed [[in]] <u>by</u> said display [[step]] <u>code</u>.